

Note on *Ananca bicolor* (Fairm.) (Col.)

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While studying the trapping methods for the melon fly, *Dacus cucurbitae* (Coq.) in 1936, some glass traps were placed in the vegetable garden at the quarantine station on Sand Island, Honolulu, T. H. Incidental catch included the Oedemerid beetle, *Ananca bicolor* (Fairm.), which was observed in abundance during June, July and part of August. The record of the number caught in the traps are presented in the following table:

NUMBER OF *Ananca bicolor* CAUGHT IN TRAPS ON SAND ISLAND

1936	Trap location	Ammoniated proprietary lure			Laundry soap solution		
		No. of trap days ¹	Total beetles caught	Aver. beetles caught per trap/day	No. of trap days	Total beetles caught	Aver. beetles caught per trap/day
May	gourd bean	..	....	...	21	6	0.3
		..	....	...	7	1	0.1
June	gourd bean	7	88	12.6	7	104	14.9
		28	804	28.7	28	1018	36.4
July	gourd bean	58	5681	97.9	50	979	19.6
		28	1266	45.2	22	171	7.8
August ..	gourd bean	14	323	23.1	..	..	..
		7	8	1.1	7	24	3.4

¹ Trap days indicates number of traps times days of trapping. Contents of traps were examined and the bait was changed at 7 to 8 day intervals.

The heaviest infestation of *Ananca bicolor* in the garden was in a small stand of sweet corn located near the beans and gourds. The beetles were in the tassels and at the base of the leaves. Observations on the number present were not made as traps had not been placed in the corn.

The gardener destroyed thousands of the beetles by shaking the corn tassels over a can of kerosene.

During the spring and summer of 1936 a large number of iron-wood trees were cut on the island. This may have been the source of the infestation.